



TIPS FOR OBTAINING CRIME INFORMATION

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A great deal of statistical and graphical information about the kinds, frequencies, and locations of crime in San Diego County is now available on the Internet. Residence locations of registered sex offenders are also available. City public libraries have some summary statistical information as well as computer terminals for Internet access.

SDPD WEBSITE

The CRIME STATISTICS AND MAPS section of the SDPD website at www.sandiego.gov/police/services/statistics/index.shtml contains the following crime data:

- Clery Act Campus Crime Reports, which contain actual numbers of FBI-index crimes (major types of violent and property crimes that affect the general public), arson incidents, and alcohol, narcotics, and weapons arrests by year from 2007.
- Numbers of index crimes and crime rates for the entire city by year since 1950
- Numbers of index crimes and crimes rates by neighborhood by year since 2003

It also has and a link to the San Diego County's Automated Regional Justice Information System (ARJIS) website, which has index-crime data since 2008 from which tables of crimes can be generated by month, time period, and city. And for the City of San Diego tables can be generated by beat, command area, service area, council district, and neighborhood. The link to also gives you access to Crime MAPS and CrimeMapping, as discussed below.

CRIME MAPPING

Crime MAPS on the ARJIS website enables one to generate maps of various crime, arrest and citation, and traffic collision locations in San Diego County in the past 12 months. Click on Crime MAPS (Mapping Application for Public Safety), read the disclaimer and background information file, and then specify a location, incident type(s), and time period. The location in a jurisdiction (city or neighborhood) can be an address, intersection, school, hospital, tourist attraction, park, or major shopping center. The radius of an area of interest about a location can range from 500 ft to one mile. You can also specify a ZIP code. Incidents can be various crimes, arrests and citations, or traffic collisions. Any time period of 92 days or less in the past 12 months can be specified. Periods are defined by start and end dates, times of the day, and days of the week. A complete table showing the number of incidents in the specified area and time period, as well as a report listing the date, time, and hundred-block address of each incident can also be generated for all radius searches. You can also get to Crime MAPS directly by going to the ARJIS website at www.arjis.org.

Another website that provides crime maps is **www.crimemapping.com**. It differs from Crime MAPS in the following respects. CrimeMapping has information for jurisdictions throughout the United States, not just San Diego County. Maps are shown in satellite-photo or road views. Crime MAPS just has road views. Map information can be shown for the past 180 days. In Crime MAPS you can see data for 92 days at a time for the whole past year. It has information for 11 types of crimes and 4 types of arrests or citations. The types in Crime MAPS are 13 and 8, respectively. And it breaks out assaults into aggravated and simple, burglaries into commercial and residential, and sex crimes into rape and other.

REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS

Information on registered sex offenders is available on California's Megan's Law website at **www.meganslaw.ca.gov**. You can search by name, address, city, ZIP code, county, parks, and schools, and obtain a map of approximate offender locations, or a list of offender names. The latter also provides pictures and personal profile information on the offenders. Although this information is updated frequently, its accuracy cannot be guaranteed. Offenders may have moved and failed to notify local law enforcement agencies as required by law; thus, the locations of offenders without established addresses are not included. And remember that not all sex offenders have been caught and convicted, and that most sex offenses are committed by family, friends, or acquaintances of the victim. You can also click on the links on the left of the home page to learn how to protect yourself and your family, facts about sex offenders, and sex offender registration requirements in California, and to obtain answers to frequently asked questions.

Additional information about sex offenders can be obtained at SDPD Headquarters at 1400 E St. between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. This database can be viewed by any California resident 18 years of age or older who has a California Drivers License or a Military ID, and no felony convictions. It can also be viewed by a minor accompanied by a parent or guardian. The database can be searched by ZIP code, county, or offender's name. It contains the registrant's picture, violations committed, tattoos, aliases, and the ZIP code of his/her residence.

CRIME ALERTS

You can sign up to receive automatic e-mail alerts of recent crime activity within a specified radius of any address or intersection in the San Diego County. Go to **www.crimemapping.com/subscriptions/subscribe.aspx** and provide your e-mail address, enter an address or intersection as a location of interest, select a radius about that point to define an area of interest, select the crime types you want to be notified about, and indicate whether you want a link to sex offenders in the alert.

NIXLE COMMUNITY INFORMATION SHARING

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